

**Consideration of recommendation of approval for an easement exchange between Indiana Rail Road and Peabody Energy**

Indiana RR / Peabody Energy easement exchange

Indiana Rail Road is acquiring property to build a spur to Peabody Energy's new Bear Run mine in Greene County. They need to acquire an easement on approximately 40 acres of DNR land to create this spur.

In exchange for this perpetual use easement to Indiana RR, Peabody will quitclaim to DNR its interest in 3 rail corridors within Greene-Sullivan State Forest that total in aggregate 53.8 acres. In addition to the corridors, Peabody will deed to DNR the fee simple surface of the following properties:

Section 11, T6N, R8W - 4.25 acres, .720 acres, and 2.03 acres  
Section 6, T6N, R7W - 7.5 acres  
Section 19, T7N< R7W - .68 acres  
Section 31, T7N, R7W - 4 acres

DNR is in favor of this proposal as it cleans up several boundary issues and in-holdings within the forest. The 40 acre property that DNR will grant the easement over currently has difficult access and is not regularly used by the public.